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Fund drive kicks off Sunday

Having passed last year's goal of \$100,000, workers for this year's Phon-A-Thon will attempt to raise \$110,000 Sunday through Feb. 19.

A media kick-off will be held at noon tomorrow in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. Calling begins at 2 p.m. Sunday.

A crew of approximately 300 faculty, staff, regents, trustees, students, parents, and friends of the College will be making calls to a list of many, ranging from alumni to businesses.

"We started with probably 5,000 names, and we're up to 12,000 now," said Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation.

The Phon-A-Thon originated in 1983, raising \$70,000 that first year. The monetary goal has been increased every year.

"Every year we've had another 500 graduates to add to the list to call," said Kreta Gladden, director of alumni affairs.

For each day of calling there is a team of callers and a captain who coordinates the day's effort by doing things such as setting goals and contacting callers.

"They're usually the motivators and cheerleaders of the group," said Gladden.

This year's team captains include Bob Higgins, Beverly Culwell, Lorine Miner, Delores Honey, Patricia Kluthe, Carmen Carney, Don Seneker, Doug Coen, Ed Wuch, Larry Good, and Peter Huey.

Gladden also pointed out that the callers are imperative to the effort.

"If we don't have the callers, we can't have the Phon-A-Thon," she said.

On Sunday many prominent people will be operating the phones. Among others will be area legislators, College President Julio Leon, the president of the Board of Regents, the president of the Student Senate, and the president of the Missouri Southern Foundation.

The money raised by the Phon-A-Thon is used by the Missouri Southern Foundation to fund approximately 20 different programs. These programs include the child-care center, scholarships, lecture series, internships, and outstanding teacher awards.

"Each year we try to increase the amount of funding," said Billingsly.

This year's theme for the Phon-A-Thon is "Going for Our Gold: 49 Years of Excellence." The College will celebrate its 50th anniversary during the 1987-88 academic year.

Calling will conclude at 6 p.m. Sunday. From Monday through Thursday times are 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. No calling will be done on Friday or Saturday.

Refreshments and meals will be provided by merchants to those people working.



Free screening

Local dentists participated in a free dental screening Saturday at Missouri Southern. Here, Dr. David Crutchfield examines Joe Thommarson. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

Multi-Cultural Week to promote awareness

People will learn about other ways of life

By Lisa Snyder
Arts Editor

Attempting to "get people familiar with other cultures," Missouri Southern will hold its fourth annual Multi-Cultural Week beginning Monday.

"In the area, there are so many people of different cultures," said Val Williams, coordinator of student activities. "This week gives people a chance to learn about other ways of life."

"Multi-Cultural Week is a major event not only for the College, but for the community," said Doug Carnahan, assistant to the vice president for student affairs.

On Monday International Day will begin in the Lions' Den. This is a celebration by the International Club which features authentic dress and multi-cultural displays. At 10 a.m. Asian and Third World viewpoints of modern literary works will be discussed in the Connor Ballroom. The cafeteria will begin serving a Spanish fiesta at 10:40 a.m. to give a taste of the culture.

At 1 p.m. the keynote speaker of the festival, Dumisani Kumalo, will discuss South Africa's continuing efforts to stop apartheid. Kumalo is the former National Divestment Coordinator of the American Committee on Africa. Kumalo is a South African journalist who is very outspoken about apartheid. This will be his last lecture as a South African citizen as he will be in New York City the very next day receiving his United States citizenship.

On Tuesday, scheduled events include an analysis on the second civil war by Dr. Judy Conboy, Dr. Robert Markman, and Michael Yates, all of the social science department, at 9:30 a.m. in the Connor

Ballroom. At 10:40 a.m. the cafeteria will be serving an Oriental lunch special.

The Winslow Boy, a film sponsored by the Missouri Southern Film Society, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom with admission being \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

One of the main attractions of the week will be The Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats and Magicians of Taipei.

"They were here last year, and they were a big success," said Williams. "They're really amazing with their magic and sword swallowing."

The acrobatic troupe, made up of members of the Chang family, has performed in more than 30 countries in North America, Asia, South Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America. Performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Taylor Performing Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$6 general and \$4 with full-time MSSC I.D.

Dr. Betty Ipock, director of nursing, will show slides of her journey in Japan, China, and Thailand at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Room 313 of the Billingsly Student Center. Also on Wednesday, the cafeteria will be serving an Italian repast. At 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bruce Warren and Liz Thomas of Eureka Springs, Ark., will perform a folk heritage concert of music native to the Ozarks.

The Gods Must Be Crazy, a film of a tribe of bushmen whose lives are disrupted by a Coke bottle, will be shown at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Connor Ballroom. The 1984 film shows a culture that is changed by an object of another

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Welfare committee to study faculty merit awards

By Mark Mulik
Campus Editor

In October 1982, a policy was presented to the Faculty Senate which provided for monetary awards to faculty members due to merit given them by their department heads.

This policy, known as the merit system, is currently under scrutiny by the welfare committee of the Faculty Senate.

"The merit system was inaugurated with the present faculty evaluation system," said Dr. Lanny Ackiss, associate professor of English and president of the Faculty Senate.

Ackiss said the current merit system has been in place for several years and has evolved since its beginning.

At first, the policy allowed that one in

eight faculty members be given merit awards and only a set amount of money be given to each meritorious (or worthy of merit) faculty member.

At this time, each department head is given money, \$175 per capita (per faculty member), to split up between the faculty members they consider deserving. However, under this system, not more than 25 per cent of the faculty members of one department may be awarded.

Therefore, in a small department—say one with six faculty members—the department head would get \$1,050 to either divide between two of the six faculty (\$525 each) or give it all to one. Ackiss said the number of recipients of the merit awards could be rounded upward. One out of six faculty represents about 16 2/3 per cent, while two would be equal to about

33 1/3 per cent. This being acceptable, two faculty members could be rewarded merit each year, and it could be that the same faculty members get merit year after year.

In a fairly large department—the English department, for instance (which has 15 members)—the department head would have more money to award to the recipients of merit (\$2,625). And, since the merit policy was established, said Ackiss, that money has been given to just two members of the English department each year.

Ackiss said the state legislature and regents believe in giving material awards for merit.

"There's been talk at the state level that merit should correlate directly with pay raises—that pay increases should be due only to merit," said Ackiss. "Merit is

predicated on the belief that a monetary award for excellence will motivate people to do a better job."

"[Faculty members] should not have to have an outside incentive for their work," said Dr. Dale Simpson, assistant professor of English. "They should be self-disciplined, desiring extra learning."

Ackiss said the merit policy was anti-democratic and might create friction between faculty members due to envy (with one faculty member getting a merit award and others not). He said it could be a disincentive and counter-productive to the 75 per cent not allowed a merit award. But the present system, he said, does not threaten anyone's livelihood.

"[The merit policy] is pretty volatile," said Simpson. "People want to make sure they get their piece of the pie."

Leon testifies before House committee

Chairman hopes state legislature funds CBHE recommendation

Appearing before a House appropriations committee, College President Julio Leon expressed his support for the recommendation handed down by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Leon was in Jefferson City Tuesday to testify on Missouri Southern's behalf to a sub-committee of the House Budget Committee.

College and the student.

Leon also expressed his support for the CBHE's recommendation of \$10,754,550 for fiscal year 1988.

Southern had asked for an appropriation of \$11,131,778. The budget calculated by Gov. John Ashcroft called for an appropriation of \$10,553,595.

"The committee was very receptive," Leon said. "My initial, unofficial reaction

After all the hearings have been completed, the appropriations sub-committee will take its recommendation to the House Budget Committee. The Budget Committee will then present it to the House for approval. If approved by the House, it will then move to the Senate for approval.

The committee chairman, Rep. Everett Brown (D-Maryville), said he hoped the CBHE's recommendation would be funded by the legislature.

"I have only been on the Southern campus once," said Brown, "but from what I've heard I am very much impressed with the service provided to the students and the community."

According to Brown, he has known Leon since he became Southern's president in 1982.

"He's just a delightful person," Brown said. "He doesn't waste time. He tells you what the institution is doing, what it wants to do, and what its plans are. I rate him very high."

Brown said it might be April before the recommendation comes before the House, but that he would follow it "all the way through."

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—State Rep. Everett Brown

"Basically, I told them about Southern and how exciting things were here," said Leon. "I told them enrollment was up, our construction projects were doing well, and about our assessment program."

According to Leon, the assessment program will provide Southern, as well as the CBHE and legislature, with valuable information concerning the growth of the

is good. There is a possibility that both the House and Senate will fund us at 100 per cent. The attitude is very positive in both houses."

If Southern is funded fully, it will receive the appropriation recommended by the CBHE. The least amount it could receive would be the appropriation recommended by the Governor.



Low visibility

Warmer weather this week, preceded by colder temperatures, caused fog to surround the Joplin area Monday. By Tuesday temperatures had reached the low 60s.

Admissions office recruits students

January to March usually busiest time of year for recruiting

Group tours, night phoning, and "students recruiting students" are all part of the outreach program to prospective students now being conducted by the admissions office.

"Right now, January to March is our biggest time when high school students come to visit our campus as prospective students," said June Freund, admissions counselor.

According to Freund, the admissions office averages up to five tours per day during this busy season. Last year admissions conducted 70 tours throughout the month of March, with anywhere between one and five students in each tour.

Although Southern has not compiled any statistics on how many persons will actually attend the campus once they have visited, the national average is 75 per cent. "This year we plan on getting that information," said Freund.

The tours are conducted by either the admissions counselors or work-study students.

This year the admissions office is encouraging high schools to get 20 to 30 prospective students to visit Missouri Southern's campus at one time.

"We feel like the more we can get on campus to visit, the more we can get to come here as students," said Mindy Chism, admissions counselor.

In the larger tours the group is taken around the campus, then divided into smaller groups in order that the prospective students may visit the various departments which interest them.

The counselors give the faculty credit for making the tours successful.

"The faculty help us a lot," said Chism. "They cooperate 100 per cent with our scheduling of the tours. They give a lot of time and effort."

"Prospective students and parents are impressed with the fact that the faculty and the people in financial aids will sit down and talk with them," said Freund. "It impresses them to know that if a faculty member will sit down and talk to them

when they are just a prospective student, think what time they will spend when they are a student."

In addition to tours, Southern also employs a student to place calls between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to high school students who placed Southern on their top five list of colleges they are considering attending.

This is the second year of the students recruiting students program. In this program honors students return to their high schools to talk about the honors program and other aspects of Southern to college preparatory classes.

"This helps in one or two ways," said Chism. "This has proven to be a great public relations aspect for incoming students, and the high school students feel that the students who used to go to school there will give them the full scoop on what Southern is like."

The admissions office is also looking into having a few orientation leaders start a regular program to visit area high schools.

Faculty Senate holds first meeting

By Mark Ernstmann
Executive Manager

Meeting for the first time this semester, there was "not much pressing business" at hand for the Missouri Southern Faculty Senate.

President Lanny Ackiss declared the meeting an open forum due to the lack of business.

Ackiss announced that at noon tomorrow there will be a kick-off for the annual Southern Phon-A-Thon. It will be held in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

It was also noted that the grievance policy approved last fall by the Senate is now in place and functioning.

With the recent approval of the Oxford program by the Board of Regents, Ackiss announced that it was the intention of the Board to pay the way for one faculty member to serve as the leader of the group of students involved in the program.

"The faculty member will serve as the leader of the group. Not a chaperone,"

Ackiss told the Senate.

The faculty member would also take a course while at Oxford, and possibly develop some type of course or workshop on the subject he studied for the following semester.

Concern was expressed by the Senate over what the responsibilities of the leader would be. A suggestion was made for clarification of those duties.

Dr. Larry Martin, head of the mathematics department, reminded the Senate that there is an assessment program on campus.

"We are ahead of most of the schools in the state," said Martin. "The Governor wants something in place this year, and some schools are just now starting."

Martin also said it would be possible to "norm" Southern's test results.

"To custom norm our results means comparing them to results of other colleges and universities of our same size and mission," Martin said. "There is also a set of national norms."

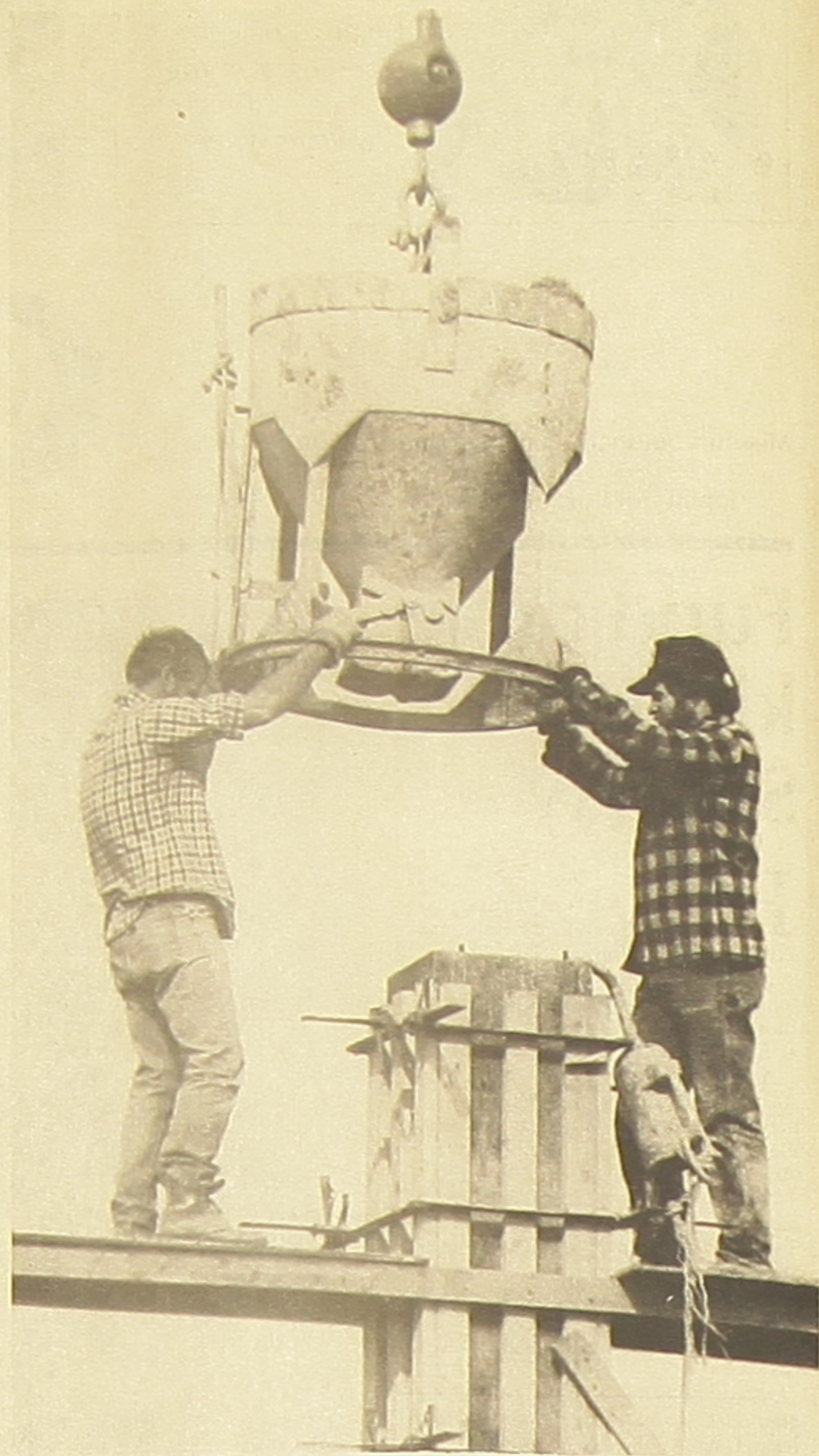
Reporting for the welfare committee,

Dr. Art Saltzman, assistant professor of English, said the committee was continuing to investigate the merit policy (See related story, page 1).

Dr. Jerald Hendrix, member of the library committee, reported the library was going to send out fact-finding memorandums to every department on campus. The purpose is that because the library staff cannot properly assess the needs of individual departments, it is asking the departments to offer input as to which periodicals and literature it uses and needs.

It was suggested that a list be obtained citing which periodicals and books a reputable four-year institution should have in its library. Southern would then be able to evaluate its library, and adjust accordingly.

Hendrix also reported the library is currently on the waiting list for installment of a card catalog "on-line" system. He said it would be within the "next few months."



New construction

Workers pour concrete for a pillar at the site of the new dormitories next to apartment E early this week. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)



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Senate passes resolution

Resolution calls for enforcing smoking policy

During last night's meeting, the Student Senate approved a resolution to be sent to the Board of Regents concerning the smoking policy at Missouri Southern.

This resolution comes as a result of the Senate receiving several complaints from students regarding smoking in campus buildings. Last semester the Senate conducted a poll which found that a majority of students would favor a no-smoking policy in campus buildings.

The resolution calls for enforcing the existing policy that is in the Faculty Handbook.

The resolution reads that "this policy is not enforced and on any given day you can find students smoking in these undesignated areas."

The Faculty Handbook lists several specific areas where smoking is allowed. These areas include lobbies, restrooms, administrative and faculty offices in Hearnes Hall, Reynolds Hall, the art center and music hall, the Technology Building, Matthews Hall, Taylor Hall, the mansion, and Kuhn Hall.

According to the handbook, smoking is not allowed in the Spiva Library, Taylor Auditorium, and the cafeteria lines in the Billingsly Student Center. Smoking is also prohibited in the gymnasium, except for public gatherings, when smoking is allowed in the outer lobby, lower hall, and restrooms only.

The handbook does state that smoking is permitted on campus, but in order to

maintain the appearance of walks and entrances, cigarettes should be discarded in the proper places.

Connie Everitt, senator, pointed out that it was strange that ashtrays should be placed in areas where smoking was supposed to be prohibited when smokers tend to gather around those areas while smoking.

"The rationale for having the ashtrays is so people can extinguish cigarettes on their way to class," said Doug Carnahan, faculty adviser to the Senate.

In addition to enforcing the current policy as stated in the Faculty Handbook, the Senate is also asking that restrooms be made non-smoking areas and the Barn Theatre should also be included in those buildings where smoking is not permitted.

The Senate proposes that the entire statement on smoking be placed in the Student Handbook, which will be republished this year.

Finding ways to enforce these policies still pose a problem, but the Senate propose that signs clearly labeling areas as non-smoking be placed in the designated areas.

In other business, the Senate approved the Social Science Club's request of \$555 for six of its members to attend the Midwest Model United Nations from Feb. 25-28.

Sean Vanslyke, sophomore, and Sara Woods, freshman, were sworn in as new senators.



Spring fever

Spring-like conditions cause Southern students to take advantage of the break in the cold weather Tuesday. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

State official announces competition

Winning photographs to appear in manual

Inviting all Missouri photographers to submit "Show-Me State" scenes, Secretary of State Roy Blunt announced the first Official Manual Photo Contest.

Winning photographs of the competition, which is open to everyone, will be displayed in the 1987-88 Official Manual of the State of Missouri, the state's official reference book.

"We're looking for glimpses of Missouri life that not everyone has the opportunity to enjoy," said Blunt. "We would hope to receive photographs showing the great diversity of the Show-Me State from the bootheel to the beginning of the Pony Express Route, from the metro areas to our scenic rural towns, villages, and farms."

Blunt said although no cash prizes will be given, the winning photographers will be honored by receiving full credit in the Manual, a certificate of achievement, and a personalized, early copy of the Manual.

In addition the winners will meet with the Secretary of State and the publications division staff.

As many as two dozen entries will be used throughout the 1,500-page volume or in other state publications with credit given to the photographer.

"The possibilities are endless," said Blunt. "A shot of the Gateway Arch or the Kansas City skyline at sunset, a candid photo of a youngster's first canoe ride on a Missouri river, or a portrait defining the strength of a Missouri farmer would all be appropriate pictures for the Official Manual."

The Manual, which provides a variety of information on Missouri executive, legislative, and judicial officials, will be released in November.

A total of 40,000 copies will be printed, most of which will be distributed to constituents by state senators and representatives.

Deadline for entries is May 1, 1987. Entries may be sent to: Official Manual Contest, Office of the Secretary of State, P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

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culture in ways such as jealousy and greed, feelings which are new to the bushmen. Admission is free.

At 10 a.m. Thursday in Room 313 of the BSC, Nabil Husni, assistant professor of mathematics, will discuss the cultural differences between the four-state area and his native Lebanon.

Also on Thursday, the cafeteria will be serving a Nordic smorgasbord. At noon in Room 313 of the BSC will be the International students' roundtable. Students are invited to bring their lunch and visit with students from other cultures. At 2 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC, Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, and his wife, Brenda, will show slides of their vacation in the British Isles.

The Royal Swedish Ensemble Orchestra, part of Joplin's Community Concert series, will perform a concert at 8

p.m. Thursday in Taylor Auditorium. The concert is free to students with I.D. and to those with Community Concert memberships.

On Friday the cafeteria will be serving a French-Belgian meal. At 11 a.m. in Room 314 of the BSC, Jack Pate, natural resources officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Miami, will address the organization's purpose, the services it provides, and the issues concerning this population. And, at noon an authentic Indian pow wow will be held in the Lions' Den. Sonny Glass, a Quapaw Indian entertainer from Vinita, Okla., will provide authentic Indian dances, music, and tell of the history of the American Indians in the area.

The cost of the cafeteria lunches is \$3.50.

July graduates need to file

Applications for students who plan to graduate in July 1987 must be completed and turned in by March 2.

Students are to follow the steps as they are listed:

■ The student must be registered with the Placement Office (Billingsly Student Center, Room 207).

■ The student must bring a clearance slip from the Placement Office to the Registrar's Office.

■ The student must get an Application for Degree Candidacy form in the Registrar's Office.

■ The student must fill out the application and bring it to his adviser, department head, and school dean. Each of these persons will check the student's

credentials and sign the application if they deem it acceptable.

■ After all of the above have been completed, the candidate for graduation must return the application to the Registrar's Office.

A student must apply for the degree during the semester immediately preceding the semester in which he plans to graduate. Registrar George Volmert suggests candidates not wait until the last few days before the deadline to apply.

Diplomas, caps, and gowns will be ordered March 3.

Candidates who plan to graduate in May and have not yet applied are too late for that graduation. But those same candidates may apply for the July graduation, however.



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Student body should assist fund raising

As students at Missouri Southern we often take for granted the things that are provided for us. Things such as scholarships, facilities, and internships. While we eagerly take these things, too often we don't consider how they are funded, let alone take part in helping to raise the money that made them possible.

This Sunday afternoon Southern's annual Phon-A-Thon will begin its efforts to reach and pass its goal of \$110,000. Where will this money go? It will fund many student oriented programs such as scholarships and internships, as well as outstanding teacher awards. Most students utilize these programs, which is fine because that is what they're intended for; however, it is time for the students to realize where the money comes from and to take an active role in the raising of the money.

The goal of last year's Phon-A-Thon was surpassed, but it was done with very little help from the student body. Is this right? Is it fair for those who spend the bulk of the money raised not to help with the effort? No.

Looking at the success of last year's Phon-A-Thon it is feasible to say that with the help of the student body this year's could be an even greater success, and the more money that is raised means more money for the programs it funds. All it takes is a few hours from one day to help raise the money which will help make our college a better place to get a good education. Students who are truly interested in obtaining a good education should not hesitate to take an active role in this year's Phon-A-Thon. After all, we are the primary beneficiaries.

Patience needed

Construction at Missouri Southern seems to be running rampant. While this can be very distracting and aggravating at times, we must remember there will be a finished product.

Not only have parking lots and sidewalks been disrupted at times, but classrooms as well. Paying attention in Reynolds Hall was not easy while jackhammers hammered away just outside. Entering and leaving the building has also been a congested problem. It is at the time that we are complaining about these things that we must stop and think about how this will eventually help us and no longer be a hindrance.

Letters to the Editor:

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall Room 117 by noon Friday for publication in the next week's edition. Letters must be typed and signed, and should not contain more than 500 words.

Letters to the Editor:

Abortion display in wrong place

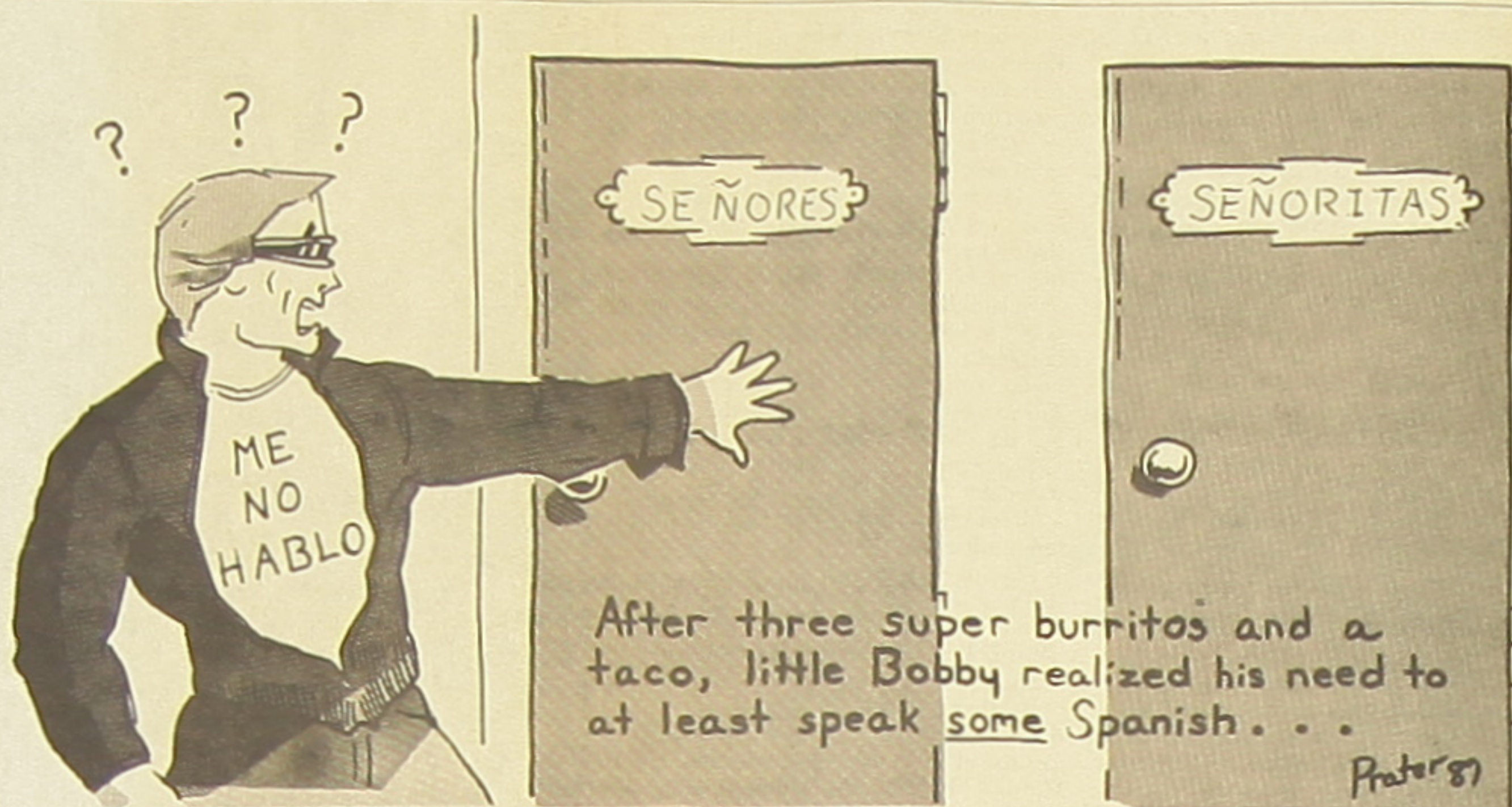
I was extremely angry when I read in "The Chart" that the Koinonia group was presenting an "Abortion Awareness Day" in the Lions' Den. Today, when I had to walk around this display to get in the door, my anger was rekindled. There are several reasons why I take offense with this.

First of all, this is a religious organization that takes a definite, biased stand against abortion. They present their material as "information"—this is a misnomer. They are not presenting information, they are presenting their viewpoint of a delicate and personal matter in a very unobjective manner.

The college has a policy that allows any group to come and present their material. But who determines where these groups can set-up? By placing this booth in the Lions' Den, literally in front of the entrance door, they have a "captive audience." I feel these groups should be placed in an enclosed area so that only the people who are interested in the material and want to view it should be able to.

I feel the Lions' Den is an inappropriate place for the presentation of controversial subjects. The college needs to review its policies to determine a more suitable place for these displays. Hopefully, never again will I have to see plastic models of fetuses on my way to lunch.

Cyndi Hull



Editor's Column:

Bilingual people may be in demand

By Mark Ernstmann
Executive Manager

Everything appealed to me except the 13 hours of foreign language. Why do I need to learn a foreign language?

Those were the thoughts that ran through my mind when I saw my "suggested order of study" in the Missouri Southern catalog.

I could handle all of the speaking and writing classes, and even biology, music and (gasp) physical science, but not a foreign language.

I have made prior attempts to learn another language, but just never got into it. But with the realization that I had to have this to graduate, I decided to get at it.



I had no particular language in mind, any would do. It just so happened that Spanish was the only one offered at a time when I could take it. So I took it.

To be honest, I never thought of Spanish as a desirable language to learn. I only associated it with the impoverished people of Mexico and all of the illegal aliens in the United States. I never stopped to think of the millions of other people throughout the world who speak it. I had a closed mind.

After wading my way through two semesters of Spanish (and currently working on a third), I had an opportunity to go to Mexico. Go to Mexico and put all the things I learned to use.

I did go, and I did use the language. I began to be thankful for the Spanish I had taken.

You could call it dumb luck, or you could call it fate. Regardless of what you call it, I was happy I had taken it.

So, maybe having a foreign language requirement isn't so bad after all. Maybe it isn't such a

bad idea to even take it as an elective. I was reading a publication recently that suggested learning a foreign language even if you are out of school and employed. The author stated in the newsletter that "knowing Spanish is one very good way to insure that your head will not roll."

By this he means that it will benefit many people to learn Spanish. Not just any language, but Spanish.

Due to the passage of a new immigration law, many of the illegal workers in the United States from Mexico are now legal. The law, retroactively, gave residence rights to literally millions of Spanish-speaking illegal aliens.

This means the work force will now be flooded with these people looking for jobs. And chances are, many places will hire them because they will work for minimum wage.

With the possibility of many Spanish-speaking

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In Perspective:

Multi-cultural education aids growth

By Dr. Jim Sandrin
Head, Department of Education

When the *Melting Pot*, a play written by English-Jewish author Israel Zangwill opened in New York City in the early 1900's, it was an immediate success. The main thrust of the play was that all cultural differences would blend into one and a novel person would emerge.

In the book, *Beyond the Melting Pot*, the authors suggested that ethnic communities and cultures were deeply interwoven into the American social fabric and that the melting pot theme did not accurately reflect America's many and varied cultures. Individuals, in very considerable numbers, did break out of their cultural



molds, but the groups remained. It has been alluded to in the literature that the melting pot idea did not happen.

When one studies or experiences a different culture other than his or her own native culture, that individual gains greater self understanding by viewing oneself from the perspective of another culture. Moreover, it is vital that we know something about OUR native culture. Hence, multi-cultural education. But what is multi-cultural education? The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) defines multi-cultural education as education which values cultural pluralism. Multi-cultural education rejects the view that schools should seek to melt away cultural differences or the view that schools should merely tolerate cultural pluralism. Instead, multi-cultural education affirms that schools should be oriented toward the cultural enrichment of all students through programs rooted to the preservation and extension of cultural alternatives. It recognizes cultural diversity as a fact of life in American society, and it affirms that this cultural

diversity is a valuable resource that should be preserved and extended. It affirms that major education institutions should strive to preserve and enhance cultural pluralism.

Multi-cultural education programs are more than special courses, special foods, or special learning experiences grafted onto the standard program. The commitment to cultural pluralism must permeate all areas of the student's educational experience.

Within the department of education, which is the governing unit for all teacher education majors, multi-cultural education focuses on several areas which are components emphasized by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Multi-cultural education (1) prepares one for culturally diverse and complex human encounters; (2) has both national and international dimensions; (3) develops competencies for perceiving, believing, evaluating, and behav-

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Ashcroft backs welfare reform focusing on education

Growing larger each year, but not necessarily better, America's welfare system has become a system which creates dependency and stifles incentive among the poor.

Gov. John Ashcroft, in his January "State of the State" address, spoke of the necessity to revise the welfare system in Missouri to promote self-reliance.

"Perhaps the toughest opponent of human hope and purpose with which we must struggle is one of our own making," Ashcroft said. "Our current welfare system is the enemy of many Missourians in need."

"Instead of building human capacity, it debilitates the human spirit. Instead of inspiring a life's dream, it injects a tran-

quilizing monthly check. It is the enemy of the opportunity and progress of many of the very people it was created to help."

Ashcroft unveiled a program called Learnfare and Welfare-to-Work which is aimed at transforming Missouri's system and breaking the web of dependency.

"It is time to make a change," Ashcroft said. "Our welfare system has been around a long time. It's old, it's tired, and it doesn't work. It's a system that not only doesn't work, it is a system that is devoted to not working. With your help we can create something new—a system that cares about working."

Learnfare and Welfare-to-Work will focus on education and jobs. It will require welfare recipients to participate in

learning and work programs. Educational services, child day-care, and funding for incidental work and training expenses will be provided to remove barriers to participation. Enforcement of child support obligations will be strengthened; and there will be a crack-down on welfare abuse and fraud. Medicaid benefits will be extended to include coverage to low-income families.

Ashcroft believes benefits derived from the program will outweigh the costs.

In his introduction to the program, Ashcroft said, "Reform requires an investment, but it will be less expensive than perpetuation of the welfare mess. I firmly believe that the people of Missouri expect more for their money than merely

providing a stagnant subsistence to people trapped in dependency. The alternative must be to brush away the web of dependency by removing barriers to work, and focusing on education and jobs."

The only program focused on training and placing welfare recipients in jobs, the federal and state Work Incentive (WIN) program, has had a cut in funding and will cease operation by July 1987.

Many groups are working to heighten national interest in programs leading to self-sufficiency. Federal action on the WIN program was coupled with a commitment to deal with welfare reform in the 1987 session of Congress. A National Governors' Association task force is developing a plan for welfare prevention.

Ashcroft is a member of that task force. He is also the chair of a NGA Adult Literacy Task Force. Demonstration projects in the states to encourage innovative welfare programs have also been called for by President Reagan.

Ashcroft believes the Learnfare and Welfare-to-Work program will help people to help themselves.

"There is nothing demeaning or punitive in the expectations of this program," he said. "Participants will receive personal, individualized attention to their special needs. It is a mandatory program because when we are helping people, we help them most when we expect them to help themselves."

Mandatory plan aims at education

In an attempt to zero in on key factors contributing to welfare dependency, Gov. John Ashcroft has proposed a mandatory education and work program.

Teen pregnancy, inadequate education, and low employment perpetuate the poverty spiral that keeps many welfare recipients dependent on the system.

More than half of the mothers on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) gave birth as teenagers, and within two years nearly half have a second child.

More than half of all AFDC parents do not have a high school diploma; many of those dropped out of school because of a teen pregnancy.

Ashcroft's mandatory education and work proposal is aimed at changing the statistics.

"I propose that we turn our system of welfare into a system of Learnfare," Ashcroft said in his "State of the State" address. "When a person walks into a Missouri welfare office, for the first time in history a job officer would be the first stop. The first application would be a job application—not a welfare application."

The Learnfare—Welfare-to-Work proposal would require AFDC parents to register in Adult Basic Education or General Educational Development (ABE-GED) classes or other equivalent high school programs. Parents with pre-school children or hardship cases would be exempt.

A community work experience program to provide on-the-job experience would be available to those lacking work experience.

Under the present system, services and resources are fragmented because day care, job matching, training opportunities, and basic education are all handled by separate agencies. Ashcroft's initiative would provide a coordinating case manager to assess needs and assign services.

According to Ron Woody, director of the Jasper County Family Services office, the present welfare system is a referral system.

"Our function is primarily to determine eligibility for public assistance," he said. "We rely on employment security, the child support division, and vocational rehabilitation for referrals, but we communicate back and forth. We have computer links between the offices and can tell if people do not comply with requirements."

Woody said some welfare recipients in Jasper County attend Franklin Technical School, Draughn School of Business, or Crowder College under special programs.

"Generally speaking, people do not want to be dependent," Woody said. "They want to help themselves."

According to Ashcroft's program outline, some economists are predicting a labor shortage by the turn of the century which will be largely due to the proportion of the population that is functionally illiterate.

In Jasper County, the LaBach reading program offers help to persons who cannot read.

"We have had people in responsible positions whose job did not require them to know how to read," said Woody. "When

the job requirements changed, it affected their job."

Ashcroft's outline of the reform program cites data to back up his argument for educational programs for persons receiving assistance.

"For welfare recipients, recent data from the Missouri WIN program shows that among persons leaving welfare to take jobs, those who had completed the 12th grade accounted for over 50 per cent more placement than those who had not. This does not even begin to reflect the advantage held by graduates in obtaining higher quality, better paying, and more stable jobs."

Critics of the program argue that a high school diploma does not mean a person will find a job. Welfare recipients obtaining a diploma will have to compete with everyone else who has a high school diploma in a job market where persons with master's degrees and doctorates cannot find a job. About 70 per cent of 192,000 persons seeking work through Missouri's Job Service are high school graduates, officials said.

If approved, Learnfare will be established statewide in January 1988, and Welfare-to-Work will be scheduled for full operation by January 1989. The project's budget for fiscal year 1988 is estimated at \$6.1 million in state funds and \$2.9 million in matching federal funds. The project is expected to save the state's major welfare programs \$9.5 million in fiscal year 1988; \$31.6 million in fiscal year 1989; and \$34.8 million in fiscal year 1990.



Ron Woody

Medicaid change is due

Health care has become a problem of society

Health care for the working poor in Missouri and throughout the nation has become a societal problem shared by government, insurers, health care systems, and the public.

Many people earn too much money or have too many assets to qualify for Medicaid or other public support, but not enough to obtain adequate health care.

Gov. John Ashcroft's incentive program proposes changes in the Medicaid system which will enable pregnant women and young children to receive health care services without going on welfare and provide an incentive for employment.

According to Ashcroft, protecting the health of the young now is important to the future.

"Together we have been striving to build an education system for developing capacity, coupled with jobs to provide opportunity," said Ashcroft in his annual "State of the State" address. "But first, we must do what we can to ensure that our people have a healthy start on life. We are unlikely to have able adults if we neglect the health of our children."

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1986 will provide matching federal funds to states which extend Medicaid coverage to pregnant women and their infants and children whose family income is at 100 per cent of the federal poverty level or lower.

Legislation will be introduced during the 1987 session of the Missouri General Assembly to consider the expansion of Medicaid coverage to pregnant women and children under two years of age in families with household income up to 100 per cent of the poverty index. Eligibility would be expanded over the next three years to include children up to five years old.

An additional initiative is the Missouri Family Residency Program which would establish rotating internships and family practice residencies for medical school graduates. Doctors in the program would provide prenatal and routine obstetrical care to low-income persons.

A major problem with the Medicaid program is the reluctance of doctors to accept the low fees paid by Medicaid. The rising cost of malpractice insurance, dow-

payment and the paperwork involved in processing Medicaid forms has made it increasingly difficult for patients to find physicians willing to accept Medicaid.

Opinions about the problem vary among local doctors. Dr. Gary Hamlin, a family practice physician in Webb City, does accept Medicaid patients. Karen Fenix, who works for Hamlin, said he takes Medicaid because there is a need.

"Many doctors don't take Medicaid because it involves extensive paperwork," said Fenix, "and they don't get fully reimbursed. Medicaid just pays so much. Anyone on Medicaid who needs a doctor has a real problem."

Betty Walser, who works with insurance claims at Dr. John Kelly's office in Joplin, said there also is a problem with getting payment.

"We have had claims that had to be sent in numerous times before getting paid," she said. "Many times they said the paperwork was incorrect. Sometimes it would be two years down the road before payment was made."

Walser also said frequent changes in the paperwork caused difficulties.

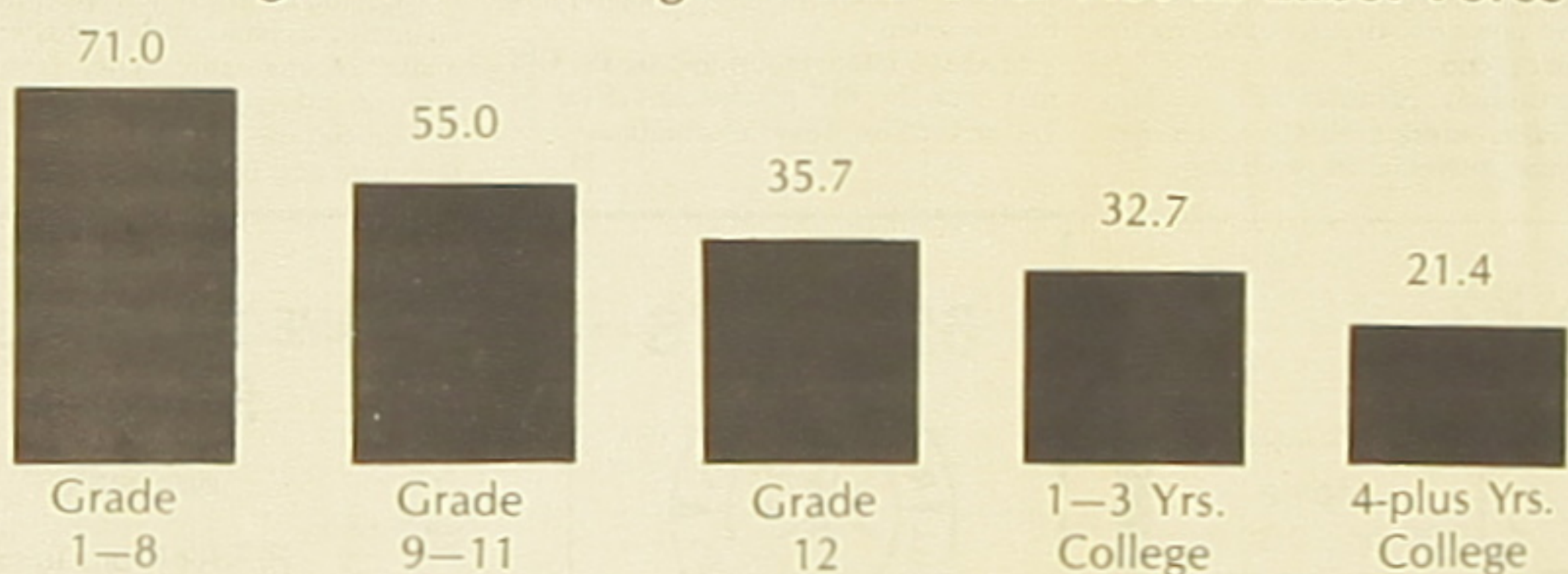
"There is a lot of paperwork, and a lot of meetings on how to do the paperwork, and it changes continually," she said. "It's a nightmare."

An increase in the obstetrical fees paid through Medicaid is also recommended in the incentive because of the growing problem of accessibility to care for Medicaid recipients. The Governor is recommending \$824,202 from general revenue and \$1,060,528 in federal funds to bring Medicaid payments for deliveries and Caesarian sections up to 50 per cent of the prevailing rate for deliveries.

Under Ashcroft's plan, delivery services and high-risk obstetrical consultation to prenatal clinic patients will be provided through the Obstetrical Crisis Model Project as an effort between the Department of Health and the Southwest Missouri Health Care Consortium. The Governor will recommend \$149,904 for the project.

The Medicaid expansion is scheduled to begin in January 1988. Public benefits will begin immediately at that time and will be expanded through fiscal year 1991.

Percentage of Persons Age 16 and Over Not In Labor Force



APWA notes new social phenomenon

Non-payment of support is creating 'feminization of poverty'

Non-payment of child support is considered to be the significant factor in creating a social phenomenon referred to as the "feminization of poverty."

According to the American Public Welfare Association, one of every four children in the United States lives in single-parent households which are, for the most part, headed by women.

Gov. John Ashcroft's proposed Learnfare and Welfare-to-Work program is recommending \$1,898,786 and 81 staff members to strengthen the ability to increase child support collections.

Non-payment of child support also contributes to the dependency of welfare families as a whole. Currently over 85 per cent of families receiving AFDC benefits do not receive support from an absent parent or parents.

In Jasper County there are 1,678 active cases of non-support for welfare families. According to Carol Greenlee, Jasper County child support division, the number varies, but not a great amount.

"We could be more effective if we had more funding," she said, "but we do have a pretty good success rate."

The staff of the Jasper County office consists of three investigators, a clerk-typist, and Greenlee.

The Missouri Child Support Enforcement program, now administered by the Division of Child Support Enforcement

(DCSE), makes collections for both welfare and non-welfare families. That office has the responsibility under state and federal law to locate absent parents, establish paternity when necessary, establish and enforce support obligations, and distribute collections according to federal regulations.

"For the last fiscal year, we collected a total of \$666,070.56," said Greenlee, "and in the first five months of this year, we have collected \$283,749.83."

Statewide, \$48.5 million was collected, including \$18.2 million on behalf of welfare families and \$30.3 million for non-welfare families.

"Our biggest problem is the unemployed or self-employed," said Greenlee. "If they receive unemployment, we can still get money, but if they don't have any, we can't."

In some cases, determining paternity in order to collect child support is a problem. Ashcroft is recommending \$262,500 to contract for blood tests to increase the number of cases where paternity is established. Efforts to determine paternity and establish child support have been hampered in the past by the lack of a statutory procedure and available funding for genetic paternity testing.

"It's a costly thing," said Greenlee. "Because of the caseload, those who deny paternity we don't pursue as readily. Efforts are made to contact the father, and

try to convince him to have the blood test. Because of the cost and the length of time it takes, paternity is one of the lesser cases pursued."

The test, paid for by the supposed father, costs \$300. Greenlee said the test is "very accurate."

Enforcement methods for child support include mandatory income withholding, interception of federal and state income tax refunds, unemployment compensation benefits, workers' compensation benefits and lottery winnings, real and personal property liens, levy and execution, credit bureau referrals, and referrals to prosecuting attorneys.

Information about parents owing child support is on a computer link with the Internal Revenue Service, both state and federal. The data is updated regularly, and refunds can be intercepted.

In Missouri, the child support program assists needy families while operating at a profit. During state fiscal year 1986, general revenue contributions for DCSE appropriations totaled \$1,774,880. AFDC collections produced a net return to the general revenue of \$7,153,760, or \$4.03 for every dollar of state funds invested in DCSE. According to information provided in Ashcroft's initiative, the program's collections saved the taxpayers significant amounts that would have otherwise been spent to support families not receiving child support.

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Golden Crest Society seeks national charter

Plans are proceeding toward the Golden Crest Honor Society goal of obtaining a charter to Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society.

Golden Crest is an honor society formed last spring to recognize student leaders at Missouri Southern.

"We are in kind of a waiting stage right now," said Elaine Freeman, faculty secretary. "We should know soon if we will be accepted into ODK, but it looks like all systems are go."

In order to obtain a national charter, a local honor society (in this case Golden Crest) must submit a petition that must be approved by all ODK circles in that group's province. Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma are the states included in Missouri Southern's province.

The 66-page petition submitted by Golden Crest includes a composite look of the programs and activities offered at Southern, information about students,

faculty, and administration, and specific information about the honor society and its members.

"Dr. Eldridge Roark (the national vice president of ODK) was very enthusiastic about it being complete," said Freeman. "He sees no problem."

"The reason there has been a slowness in getting the charter accepted is that our petition must be voted on in the first meeting of the circles in the province, and some have not had its first meeting yet," she continued.

Freeman recently received a letter from Dr. Roger Kaston, province director of ODK at Wichita State University, which said that all is "looking good" toward chartering. Kaston also sent letters of recommendation to all province circles.

Golden Crest is planning an April chartering date if the society is accepted as an ODK circle.



Display Dee Conroy, Missouri director of the National Right to Life Committee, speaks to students about abortion.

Club works to broaden horizons

As a casual gathering of English majors and minors and anyone desiring more out of the field of English, the English Club works to broaden the language's study in individual group members.

"There's going to be a greatly increased need for English teachers in the 90s," said Dr. Lanny Ackiss, associate professor of English and faculty sponsor for the club. "And I think this will help draw people who have seemed to think of it [English] as an impractical major."

The club holds meetings at noon every Friday in Room 311 of the Billingsly Student Center. Ackiss said the group has about 15-20 regularly active members. He said three to six English faculty ordinarily attend meetings.

Members participate in a used book sale in the spring, during finals, each year. This involves the gathering of and redistributing of unwanted books.

Ackiss said the English Club usually hosts a get-together for English majors and English departmental faculty at the end of each semester. A portion of the club's funds are spent on social events such as this one. Other funds are used to buy something which the members feel from which the department will profit.

The organization's officers include Stacy Belcher, president; Susan Stone, vice president and "acting president;" Steve Gilbreth, secretary; Nancy Alexander, treasurer; and Ackiss, sponsor.

"If the [English] department wants to poll student opinion, they often ask the English Club what they think, how they feel about an issue," he said.

The English Club, established in 1970 by Dr. Joseph Lambert, head of the English department, and Dr. Henry Morgan, professor of English, was originally just an informal group.

Ackiss said the group is becoming more active each year, and it is growing in size but not due to an increase in enrollment, however. He said the number of English majors have roughly doubled in the last four years.

"Sigma Tau Delta is an honorary society for English majors with a certain grade point average and a certain number of hours," said Ackiss. "[A person] has to be invited to join [Sigma Tau Delta]. But English Club is open to everyone."

He said the two groups are not identical in nature, however.

"[English Club] gives people who share an interest a chance to get together informally," Ackiss said. "They [members] share an interest that is just not common in our culture—to have an interest in literature and English."

Group builds awareness

ACEI centers around needs of small children

Building around the needs of small children, the Association for Childhood Education International is open to anyone interested in early childhood education.

"We are hoping to build awareness of future education," said Dr. Betty Cagle, faculty adviser. "We want students to know that we are here and we welcome their input."

The local chapter of ACEI meets at noon the first Thursday of every month in Taylor Hall.

"In the meetings each member shares their ideas," Cagle said. "It is so reassuring and exciting to meet with other people and brainstorm."

The fees for belonging to ACEI are \$2 per semester for the student organization and \$15 per year for the national organization.

"This chapter was initiated and sponsored by Dr. Rosanne Joyner last year," said Cagle.

The acting officers are Verlene Davenport, president; Annette Nethery, vice president; Theresa Stephens, secretary; and Cathy Graff, treasurer.

"We have approximately 25-30 members in our ACEI group at Southern," Cagle said.

The activities sponsored by the group include bake sales, visits to private and public schools, and other service-oriented projects.

"The main project is our puppet show," said Cagle. "We stress its importance because it portrays how the handicapped deal with everyday situations. This shows the children that everyone is capable."

The growth of ACEI is shown not only nationally but also at Southern.

Psi Chi offers opportunity to learn outside of class

Furnishing a mode through which students are able to discuss ideas informally, Psi Chi has developed around the study and use of psychology.

Psi Chi was founded to "try and provide a place where psychology students could hear about topics outside of the classroom," said Dr. Brian Babbitt.

Babbitt, professor of psychology, is co-sponsor of the group with Dr. Betsy Griffin, associate professor of psychology.

Griffin said Psi Chi's purpose is to foster an interest in psychology.

Psi Chi is a national honor society for psychology students. It was established at Missouri Southern in 1979.

Students desiring to become members must be in the top one-third of their class and have at least nine hours of psychology courses. However, this does not guarantee membership as students must be elected into the national organization.

Dues are \$5 per year for the local chapter, plus a one-time fee of \$25 for the national group.

The campus organization, Psychology Club, exists outside of Psi Chi and is open to anyone interested in psychology.

There are 15 to 20 active members in both Psi Chi and Psychology Club. Griffin said both groups are interested in increased memberships.

Both groups meet bi-monthly and have several activities per semester. Psi Chi's first meeting of the semester was held yesterday at noon.

Last semester, Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology, directed a clinic on hypnosis at Southern.

"He hypnotized the whole group," said Babbitt.

Members of the group also took a field trip to Heartland Hospital, a residential psychiatric center in Nevada, Mo.

Both groups, Psychology Club and Psi Chi, cooperate with other groups on campus. Together, last year, they held a seminar on the family in conjunction with the Social Science Club.

Beth Wawrzyniak, president of Psi Chi, said as of yet, the group has no plans for this semester.

Students interested in joining Psi Chi may stop by the psychology office in Taylor Hall for more information.

Drug abuse topic of lecture

With the topic "Drugs in Society and in Athletics," Dr. Donald L. Cooper of Oklahoma State University will be the speaker at a lecture Monday in the Billingsly Student Center, Monday.

Cooper, director of OSU's student health center, graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1953 and has worked as team physician for Oklahoma State athletic teams since 1960. In 1981, President Reagan appointed him

to the Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Cooper also performed the duties of staff physician for the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

He has made appearances as a medical consultant on *Good Morning, America* and *The Today Show*.

The lecture, sponsored by Missouri Southern athletics and student services, is to be held at 3 p.m. in the Keystone Assembly Room of the BSC. It is open to the public and free of charge.

Upcoming Events

Today	CAB Meeting 3 p.m. BSC 310	Art League noon Spiva Art Center room 305	MOVIES	Movie 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre <i>Back to the Future</i>
Tomorrow	English Club noon BSC 311	Phone-a-thon Kick-off noon Connor Ballroom	Basketball	Women's/Men's Basketball vs. Ft. Hays State 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. away
				Women's/Men's Basketball vs. Kearney State 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, away
Weekend	CAB trip: ice skating in Tulsa, Saturday leaving PA. 10 a.m. total cost: \$6.50			
Monday	Lecture: 'Drugs in society and in athletics' 3 p.m. 3rd floor BSC	BOOK		Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311
Tuesday	CLUBS	International Club 1 p.m. BSC 306	Help Wanted	Job Interviews Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, starting at 10 a.m. stairwell, BSC
Wednesday		Campus Crusade for Christ 11 a.m. BSC 311	LDSSA noon BSC 311	Movie 8:00 p.m. Connor Ballroom <i>The Gods Must Be Crazy</i>

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Professor to read

Professor Bert Hornback of the University of Michigan will be giving a Charles Dickens reading at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium.

Hornback is an active Dickens scholar, having written four books on Dickens: *Noah's Arkitecture*, *The Hero of my Life*, *Our Mutual Friend: An Annotated Bibliography*, and *Great Expectations: A Study*. He was the host for a 10-part television series, *The Dickens World*, produced in 1973.

Hornback spends most of his time teaching. In addition to a heavy schedule at Michigan, he makes frequent teaching visits to high schools. As a teacher, Hornback has been honored three times by the University of Michigan for his excellence in the classroom and as an honors academic advisor. He is the former director of the Great Books Program at Michigan, director of the Center for the Advancement of Peripheral Thought, founder of the Society of Bremen Scholars, and secretary of the Ann Arbor branch of the international Dickens Fellowship.

Hornback is also the author of five one-act plays, and the founder of the Ann Arbor-based Lord Chamberlain's Players. Prior to his work re-creating Dickens's readings, he built an impressive list of credits in amateur theatricals.

A typical Dickens year for Hornback will include 20 readings of *A Christmas Carol* during November and December, and a number of readings from the other novels during the rest of the year.

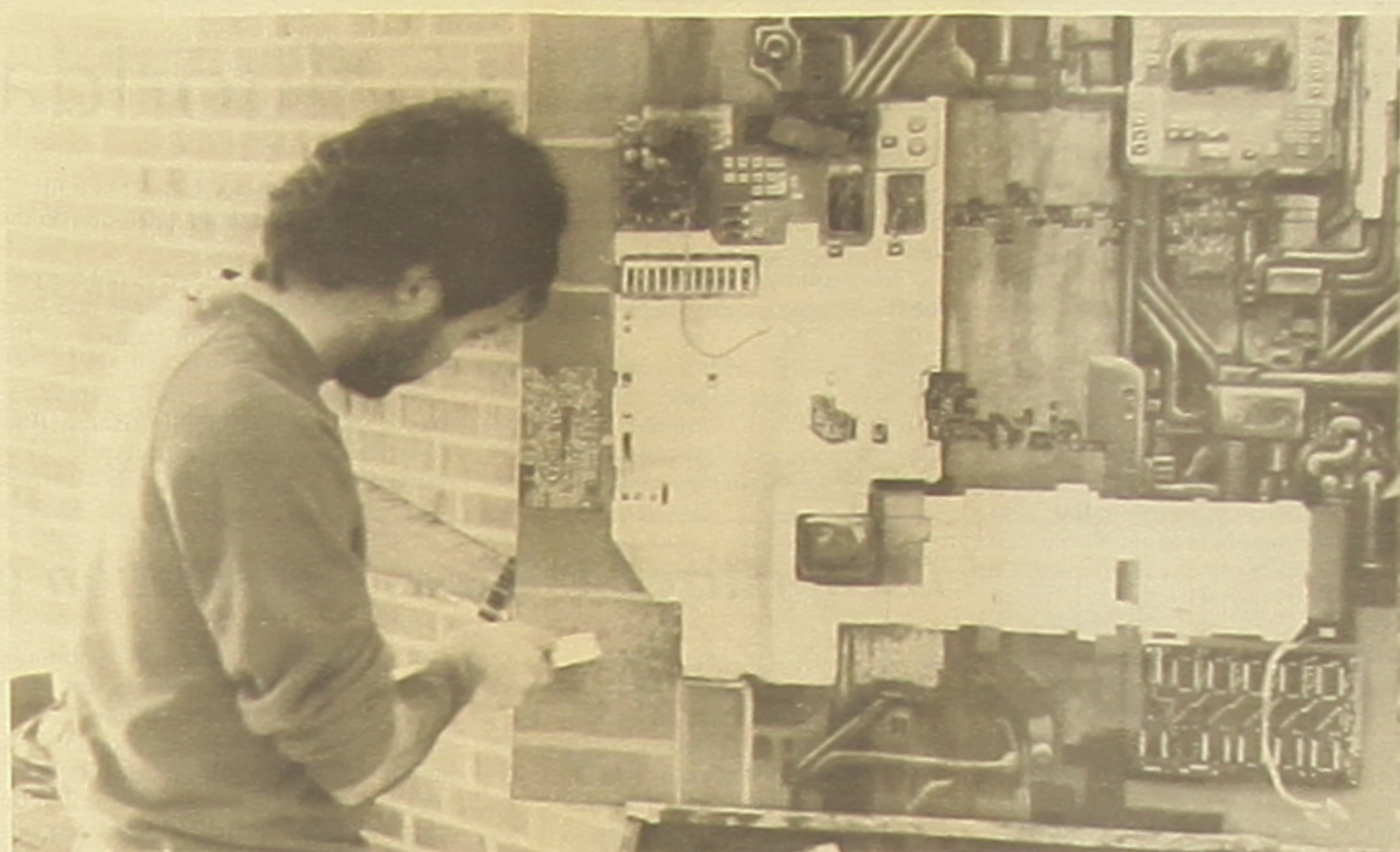
In Ann Arbor, one of the highlights of the Christmas season is always the weekend of benefit readings of *A Christmas Carol* at the University Art Museum. These readings are regularly attended by more than a thousand students, faculty, and townspeople, eager to get their dose of Dickens' "Carol Philosophy."

Debate team going strong

The debate team of Tre Hall and Todd Graham are going strong this semester with good showings at all three tournaments they have attended thus far.

The team's best showing was last weekend at Southern Illinois University where it took second place. Forty teams were present at the tournament, including the University of Alabama, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Oklahoma.

Hall and Graham have also attended tournaments at the University of Oklahoma, where they received third place, and William Jewell, where they received fifth place.



Touches up Brad McClintock, a junior art major at Missouri Southern, touches up one of his paintings during Ed Wong-Ligda's advanced painting class. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

Sullivan increases responsibilities

Music student president of Collegiate Music Educators Conference

Since being elected president of the state Collegiate Music Educators National Conference, John Sullivan has had an increase in responsibilities.

Sullivan is responsible for presiding at C-MENC meetings, appointing various committees, writing an article for each issue of *Missouri School Music Magazine*, and representing C-MENC chapters of Missouri at the regional and national MENC conventions.

"It's a great honor and recognition," said Wayne Harrell, associate professor of music. "It's good for Missouri Southern to have representation at the state level."

"I have also been president of the Southern chapter for two years," said Sullivan.

Sullivan, a 1982 graduate of Aurora High School, first became interested in music while in high school.

"We had a very active band, and the interest I acquired made me decide to teach music," he said.

"John has a real interest in teaching as a career," said Harrell. "He is very active in choir, concert band, and marching band."

According to Sullivan, his main interest



is in the color guard.

"John is real instrumental in teaching the flag and rifle routines used by the Lion Pride Band," said Harrell.

Every July, Southern hosts the Lion Pride Band Auxiliary Camp in which Sullivan teaches intermediate rifles.

"In my life I have had many people who have encouraged me to teach," he said. "I have a very supportive family, and Dr. Harrell and Pete Havelly are the reasons I stayed at Southern."

"Although the color guard is my specialty, in order to be a teacher you have to like all aspects of music," said Sullivan.

According to Harrell, Sullivan has an excellent attitude toward music.

"He is very proficient and has a lot of potential to teach."

"He is going to be a real good leader," said Harrell. "He will be a real benefit to Southern's music department."

Auditions scheduled

Studio '87 tryouts will be held Feb. 17-18 starting at 3 p.m. and again from 11 a.m. to noon on Feb. 18 in the lobby of Taylor Auditorium.

Studio '87 is a series of three student-directed, one-act plays to be performed March 26-27 in the Barn Theatre.

"The plays are for partial fulfillment for Directing II," said Milton Brietzke, head of the theatre department. "They are also a lot of fun."

According to Brietzke, there are eight roles for which to be auditioned.

The three plays to be performed are *The Cool Diamond*, written by Shirley Lauro and directed by Rob Luther; *Hopscotch*, written by Israel Horowitz and directed by Jennifer Mountjoy; and *Third and Oak: The Laundromat*, written by Marsha Norman and directed by Janet McCormick.

"The emphasis for the students is the sharpening of their communication skills as directors," said Brietzke. "They all use the same setting with different configurations to suit the director's interpretation."

The auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff, and anyone who is interested in trying out.

Anyone having questions may call 625-9393 or Ext. 393.

Society plans Asquith film

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday *The Winslow Boy*, starring Robert Donat, will be shown in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

The Winslow Boy was directed by Anthony Asquith, a veteran British filmmaker whose early career was influenced by Alfred Hitchcock, and who became a leading director of slick, stylish dramas for over three decades. Bosley Crowther of *The New York Times* praised it as "An ingratiating film which owes much to a sparkling performance by Robert Donat...a striking and an inspiring picture."

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

Black History Month recognized

In recognition of Black History Month, George Washington Carver National Monument and the Joplin Public Library are sponsoring several programs.

An exhibit titled "Joplin's Black History" will be held through Feb. 28 at the Joplin Public Library.

Another exhibit titled "Blacks and the Constitution" will also be held through Feb. 28 at the Carver Monument.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Joplin Public Library, a lecture on the history of ragtime music and how it was

influenced by black musicians such as Joplin's James Scott, will be presented by historian Marvin Van Gilder of Carthage. The lecture will be followed by a recital of ragtime music performed by local pianist Susan Cordell.

Dr. Gary Kremer, professor of history at Lincoln University in Jefferson City and author of *Missouri's Black History*, will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Joplin Public Library on how the Constitution has influenced black history.

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	7:30 p.m. Tuesday BSC Connor Ballroom	7:30 p.m. Tuesday BSC Connor Ballroom		thru Feb. 15 Spiva Art Center
Kansas City	Ratt and Smokehouse	Mid-American Train Show	Kansas and The Rainmakers	Ratt
	Feb. 12 Memorial Hall	Feb. 14 Constitution Convention Center	Feb. 20 Memorial Hall Joplin	Feb. 14 Municipal Auditorium Kansas City
ELSEWHERE	Survivor	Billy Joel	Art Auction	The Revival:
	Saturday Memorial Hall Kansas City	Feb. 13 Kemper Arena Kansas City	7 p.m. Feb. 14 Kansas City Coalition Center	A tribute to CCR March 6-7 Uptown Theatre Kansas City
Concerts	Beastie Boys	BonJovi	The Drifters	PLAYS
	Feb. 16 Uptown Theatre Kansas City	Feb. 26 Kemper Arena Kansas City	Feb. 27 Uptown Theatre Kansas City	
The Pretenders	The Pretenders	'Inherit the Wind'		
	Feb. 12 OU Campus Norman, Okla.	thru Feb. 31 Grace Episcopal Church Carthage		

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City Council to review smoking, fluoridation issues

Wishing to ban smoking in certain public areas, Gretchen Crown and several area physicians presented a proposal before the Joplin City Council Monday night.

Crown, calling second-hand smoke a "public health issue, not a civil rights issue," was one of five people who spoke in favor of passing an ordinance.

"I found many cities and states had initiated no smoking ordinances," said Crown. "Businesses complain of property and merchandise damage."

Dr. Eugene Langevin and Dr. John Venter supported Crown in her bid for the ordinance.

"We have long realized that smoking causes heart disease," said Langevin, a cardiologist.

"We do support reasonable attempts to get clean air throughout the city," said Venter, a pulmonary specialist. "They (breathers of second-hand smoke) can develop a significant risk to develop cancer even though they do not smoke themselves."

Venter pointed out 300,000 premature deaths a year because of smoking.

Dr. William H. Crosby, an area hematologist, said there are 2,400 second-hand smoke deaths in the United States and another 300 in the United Kingdom.

After the presentation made in favor of the ordinance, Council member Cheryl Dandridge questioned two parts of the proposal. She eventually requested the Council re-draft Crown's proposed ordinance. Dandridge's proposed changes passed 7-2. Council members Bill Seearce and Gary Burton voted against Dan-

dridge's proposed changes.

"I think that for restaurants seating under 50 people, the smoking or no smoking should be up to the owner," said Dandridge. "In public meetings, I think it should be up to the people in the meeting."

Venter responded to Dandridge's questions by pointing out "the smaller the room is, the less smoke it takes to give a significant amount."

While the no smoking ordinance will be changed before it returns to the Council, Council members decided to gather more information on a proposal to fluoridate city water.

Citizens spoke both for and against the issue.

Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg, who spoke in favor of the change, said fluoridation keeps teeth safe, helps prevent toothaches, and has no known ill effects. Rosenberg, mentioning that 112 million people in the United States drink water with fluoridation, said 75 per cent of the people in Missouri have fluoridated water.

Carthage, Pittsburg, Neosho, and Fayetteville already have fluoridated city water.

Orem A. Ralston, a retired Carthage dentist, said Carthage has used fluoridated water since 1955. He encouraged Joplin Council members to pass the proposal because of the benefits of fluoride.

Dr. Charles McGinty, a Joplin dentist, said a fluoride program has existed in the Joplin R-8 School District since 1983. Eighty-six per cent of the students have volunteered for the program.

Speaking against the fluoridation of city water was Fred King, a representative from the Joplin Pure Water Association, and Dr. Hal Williams, a Joplin chiropractor. King was involved in the fight against the fluoridation of city water in Joplin in 1960.

King called fluoride a "corrosive poison which will accumulate, not only in children's teeth, but in other bones." He also said increased heart trouble and more brittle teeth result in the use of fluoridated

water.

Williams asked the Council to study all the facts before making a decision on the issue.

Council members voted to put the proposal on first reading. They will now have time to gather more information on the issue.

By an 8-1 margin, the Council approved placing 22 Joplin Home Rule Charter amendments on the April 7 election ballot. Councilman Clyde Morrison

was against the proposal, which would allow members to fill vacancies caused by resignation or removal from the Council. Councilman Don Goetz called for the new amendments because of the resignation of five Council members last year.

In other business, the Council voted 9-0 in favor of approving a \$6,990 contract with Liberty Construction, Inc. for the remodeling of the Transworld Express space at the Joplin Municipal Airport.

Local citizen opposes fluoridation of city water, again

W ith the knowledge that six of every 10 cities voting on fluoridation have rejected it, Fred King is again trying to keep Joplin water from being fluoridated.

King, who was partly responsible for the proposal's defeat in Joplin in 1960, spoke out against fluoridation at Monday night's Joplin City Council meeting.

"I told the mayor (Donald Clark) I would need more than five minutes," King said. "He (Clark) said he thought I could get 10 minutes, but they (the Council) only gave me five. I had to skip over a lot of what I had to say."

"I prepared a letter and got it out to them (the Council) Sunday, but I don't think very many of them read it."

King, in his speech to the Council, called fluoride a "insidious, corrosive poison which will accumulate not only in children's teeth but in other bone."

King said the Joplin community

receives enough fluoride in toothpaste, soft drinks, and beer made in cities where the water is fluoridated. While the proposal calls for fluoride in a quantity as small as one part per million, the addition of the fluoride to city water and the continued use of other fluoridated products could be dangerous.

"Fluoride, besides being a poison, is very difficult to contain once you use it," King said. "It is a lot like nuclear waste in that sense."

In a 1982 addition of *Science*, the magazine said the U.S. "may be approaching a critical mass of fluoride in the environment." One doctor went as far to call fluoride "one of the greatest medical frauds of all time."

King also said some doctors are opposed to the use of fluoride, calling it a "snake-oil type promotion." King said while some doctors are opposed to the idea, still others will not speak out against the fluoride.

"They don't speak out against it if they are to continue to practice (medicine)," he said.

Fluoridation of city water was first introduced in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Newburgh, N.Y., in 1945. By the 1950's, tests indicated that tooth decay had decreased in these cities. Still, King looks at the fact that fluoride can cause mottling, or discoloration, of the teeth. The fluoride has also been known to cause patches or white flecks on teeth. King also believes fluoride does DNA and RNA damage, causes heart trouble, and can cause birth defects.

King, who says he is "an individual trying to fight professionals," believes he has to do something to stop the fluoridation of Joplin city water.

"I have a mind of my own," he said. "When I see something wrong I try to do something about it."



County road cave-in occurring south of Carterville and west of Prosperity. The area was once used for mining zinc.

Pothole ruins area road

Cave-in originates from zinc mining operations

Having served as county commissioner for the last two years, Danny Hensley has not seen anything quite like the "pothole" which developed south of Carterville.

The "pothole," which measures 40 feet by 100 feet, is located one mile south of Carterville and one-half mile west of Prosperity on Elm Road. The hole is estimated to be 30 feet deep and may still sink some more. There are no houses in the area. The road served as a shortcut to Prosperity from Carterville.

"We are considering closing that mile of the road," Hensley said.

Hensley said to keep the road open, the county could have to spend as much as \$50,000, but believes his preliminary figure to be "way high."

"I am afraid when we are filling up the hole, we could lose a dozer or truck," he said.

Hensley, who has served as county commissioner since October 1984, said this is his first experience with such a hole.

"I was concerned," he said. "It makes you wonder if someone was out there when it caved in."

Hensley said there were no reports of anyone seeing or hearing the cave-in.

"We don't know where the hole exists," said Hensley. "It could be as deep as 240 feet if it goes both levels (of the mine)."

According to Daniel Stewart, a local engineer familiar with area mining, cave-ins like this are not uncommon.

"You can see down to the water," Stewart said. "It is a moderately-sized cave-in."

Stewart said the mining operation was originally used in search of zinc. The zinc was used in paint, for galvanizing, and diecasting. The mine was built on two levels, an upper-ground level mine and a lower-ground level mine.

"That particular mine has been filled in at least twice," Stewart said.

County officials are aware of a cave-in that occurred in 1907. They are unsure exactly how many times the area has fallen.

"There used to be shafts on both sides of the road," Hensley said.

This week the county commissioner had signs placed near the area as a warning to the public.

According to Hensley, the county may not fill the hole up at all if it decides to close the road. If the county does not fill the hole and rebuild the road, the land will be used by people living in the area.

Hensley said this is only the second case of having to fill an area in while he has been commissioner. The county did some fill-in work when it built a bridge over Jones Creek near Carthage.

Joplin Municipal Airport to continue commuters McCoy sees few changes in local carriers

Although the Joplin Municipal Airport has seen several carriers come in and out of the city, Harold McCoy looks for Joplin to see more consistent service.

"The result (of deregulation) is that we have smaller aircraft, but more frequent service," said McCoy, public works director in Joplin.

McCoy said Joplin has seen the number of flights go from 12 to four to its present total of 18 flights.

Under a regulated system, two different airlines (Ozark and Frontier) were receiving \$1 million apiece. Joplin was one of only seven cities having two subsidized carriers.

"What we have seen is deregulation, and seen lines like Ozark and Frontier disappear," McCoy said. "I think you are going to be in the 15 to 20 (total aircraft per day) range with smaller aircraft."

McCoy believes Joplin "must face reality," saying "the market is going to have to determine the size (of the aircraft)."

"The service in here (Joplin) is a business," he said. "There is nothing saying we cannot maintain service just because they are smaller aircraft."

A 30-passenger plane cost over \$5 million, but McCoy said an airline's greatest cost is fuel and employees.

"They have to have the plane 50 to 60 per cent full to break even," he said.

McCoy said that while costs for flights out of Joplin are generally more expensive than flying out of a major city, Joplin has not had the competition from Tulsa, Kansas City, and other cities.

"It is unreasonable to expect Joplin to

have Tulsa fares," McCoy said. "Our goal is to get close to Tulsa (in price)."

McCoy said 60 per cent of those people wanting to fly out of Joplin are going to other cities, mainly Tulsa.

"We have told the Joplin carriers that if they had fares more competitive to Tulsa, they would have a better chance of getting the customers," he said.

According to McCoy, improvements to the Joplin Airport are being discussed. McCoy added that Joplin is more of a "feeder into the hubs" of Kansas City, Tulsa, St. Louis, and Memphis.

Lower costs are sometimes available out of Joplin if the ticket purchaser looks at segmented costs of a trip.

"A good travel agent can find lower fares by looking at these segmented costs," he said.

While there are not all that many regular airline flights out of the Joplin Airport, pleasure and business flights are a part of the airport's everyday schedule.

"One of the good things about the airport is that a business aircraft can fly in, conduct their business, and fly out that same day," McCoy said.

McCoy said the Joplin Airport is not an around-the-clock operation, pointing out the tower is open about 10 hours a day. The terminal building is open all but six hours of the day.

While there are disadvantages to the Joplin Airport, McCoy suggested Joplin has its advantages, too.

"We have done research on the safety records of the smaller aircraft," he said. "It is outstanding."

Spanish/From Page 4

workers, the need arises for someone who can communicate with these people. This is where the person with an ability to speak Spanish comes in.

Say your company hires 50 Spanish-speaking workers. I know this is America, and everyone here should speak English, but let's be realistic. It will take a great amount of time, effort, and money to train the workers to speak English.

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As the afore-mentioned author says, the person "who can speak fluent Spanish possesses a tremendous competitive advantage over his peers."

It's not all fact, but it is food for thought.

Education/From Page 4

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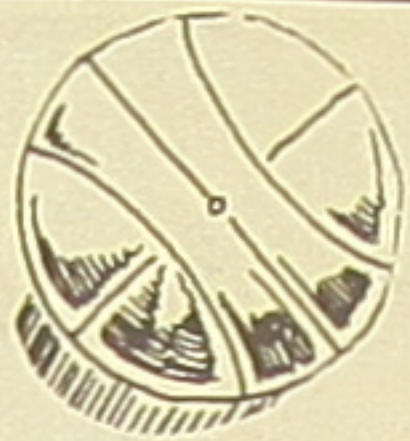
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Thursday, Feb. 5, 1987

The Chart

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CSIC Standings: (Men's Basketball)

Washburn 6-1
Kearney State 6-1
Mo. Southern 4-3
Fort Hays State 4-3
Missouri Western 3-5
Wayne State 3-5
Emporia State 2-5
Pittsburg State 1-6

Dunkel Ratings for District 16

1. **Mo. Southern 50.1**
2. Drury 49.2
3. William Jewell 46.2
4. SW Baptist 43.1
Drury's remaining games: Feb. 5 at Evangel; Feb. 7 Avila; Feb. 9 at Quincy; Feb. 14 Rockhurst; Feb. 20 at Quincy.

Scoring Leaders All-time at MSSC:

1. Greg Garton 2,140
2. Carl Tyler 1,902
3. John Thomas 1,776
4. Russell Bland 1,271
5. Roland Martin 981
6. Bill Wagner 949
7. Marvin Townsend 925
8. Cicero Lassiter 899
NOTE: Chris Tuggle now has 799 points.

(CSIC Women)

Washburn 6-1
Missouri Western 5-3
Mo. Southern 4-3
Emporia State 4-3
Kearney State 3-4



Intramurals Basketball Results Rec Division

Bricklayers (Hofer 15) 72,
Dead Meat (Shelton 14) 40
NADS (Williams 14) 47,
Slam Force (Gaddis and Denny 11 each) 45.
Renegade Nuns (Stemmons 12) 42, Phi Slamma Jamma (F. Mercado 11) 38.
Airballs Unlimited (Warden 29) 73, D-Boys (Beckley 18) 32.
Sid's Kids 83 (Brown 24), Sigma Nu 18 (Miller 6)
True Blue Brew Crew (Workman 15) 43, Super Slow Suds (Miles 14) 40.
Phi Slamma Jamma (Koester 14) 40, Dead Meat (Macey 14) 35.
Bricklayers (Pozniak 15) 58, D-Boys (Beckley 15) 22.
NADS (Barres 14) 47, Sid's Kids (Brown 19) 45.
Slam Force (Butler 14) 58, True Blue Brew Crew (Workman 20) 51.
Renegade Nuns (Stemmons 20) 63, Airballs (Jones 18) 62.
Super Slow Suds (Baumhoegger 12) 44, Sigma Nu (Rosewicz 21) 33.
Advanced Division
Taste Buds (Miesner 15) 55, Two Ply (Parks 16) 46.
Spud McKenzies (Luther 18) 64, Pork Swords (Hamilton 15) 59.
Non-Dairy Creamers (Toney 19) 51, Dream Team (Horace 18) 43.
Terminators (Kelly 18) 66, Ozark 7 (Rose 14) 45.
Women's Division
Fat Sisters (McGinnis 12) 50, 2 Much (Harris 10)
V-Ball Power (Katy Greer 15) 51, Ballknobbers (3 tied with 6 points) 24.

Lions face road tests

Southern seeks to improve CSIC record

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

After a five-game homestand the Missouri Southern Lions will travel to Fort Hays State University and Kearney State University this weekend.

The Lions, who lost Friday to Washburn University 70-67 on a buzzer shot by Tom Meier, rebounded Saturday to defeat Emporia State University 85-76.

The Lions will play at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow against Fort Hays. Action will continue Saturday as the Lions travel to Kearney State for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Southern coach Chuck Williams calls Fort Hays a "strong, physical

team with a lot of good rebounders."

Fort Hays head coach Bill Morse said he has been pleased with his team's play.

"We were 5-1 on the road over the last week or so," Morse said. Southern's balanced scoring attack concerns Morse.

"We feel like if we try to stop [Reggie] Grantham, then someone decides [Marvin] Townsend is their best ball player and he hurts us," Morse said. "We hope to play well with balanced scoring in our team."

"This weekend we are playing two fine teams," said Williams. "We will have to play well in order to beat them."

Lady Lions need sweep of two-game road trip

By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

Lady Lions Head Coach Jim Phillips has no question about the importance of this weekend's conference road trip.

"When we come home we could still be in the chase, or out of it," said Phillips.

Southern, 4-3 in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference, needs to sweep the upcoming games with Fort Hays State and Kearney State and hope for someone to knock off front-running Washburn, 6-1.

This weekend's action, however, carries more than CSIC implications. The Lady Lions need road victories to raise their Dunkel power rating. The rating is used by District 16 in ranking teams for post-season tournaments. Southern is currently third behind the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Missouri Western.

Standing in the way of the Lady Lions and their needed wins are the Lady Tigers of Fort Hays and Kearney's Lady Lopers. Both of these teams fell to Southern two weeks ago at Young Gymnasium.

Phillips and his squad will first travel to Hays, Kan., for tomorrow night's match-up with the 9-15 Tigers.

John Klein's Lady Tigers are 2-5 in the conference, including a 66-56 loss to Southern. Fort Hays is happy to be home after two weekends on the road.

Sidelines

Students should be allowed to keep toilet paper tradition

By Rob Smith
Sports Columnist

Having watched Lions basketball since the days of Russell Bland, Roland Martin, and Bob Corn (names meaning little to anyone with less than a Ph.D. in the history of the Lions), I was disheartened when the athletic department took away the traditional throwing of the toilet paper after the event resulted in technical fouls.

What has developed since the days of the All-American Bland and his teammates is a solid program that just recently began to allow the crowd to join in the true fun of college basketball. Now, the fun is gone.

According to Jim Frazier, men's athletic director at Missouri Southern, fans will no longer be allowed to throw toilet paper onto the court after the Lions score their first basket.

"It was abused," said Frazier. "It's also history. No longer is it a positive motivation to the students and fans."

Frazier, who originally encouraged the toilet paper, now believes the traditional throwing to be a hindrance.

"It's to the point where everyone is tired of it," Frazier said. "It affected the game (Jan. 27 against School of the Ozarks) negatively."

"We wanted, as a goal, to get more people involved in our athletic department."

Frazier said people have "come for miles around to take pictures" of the throw.

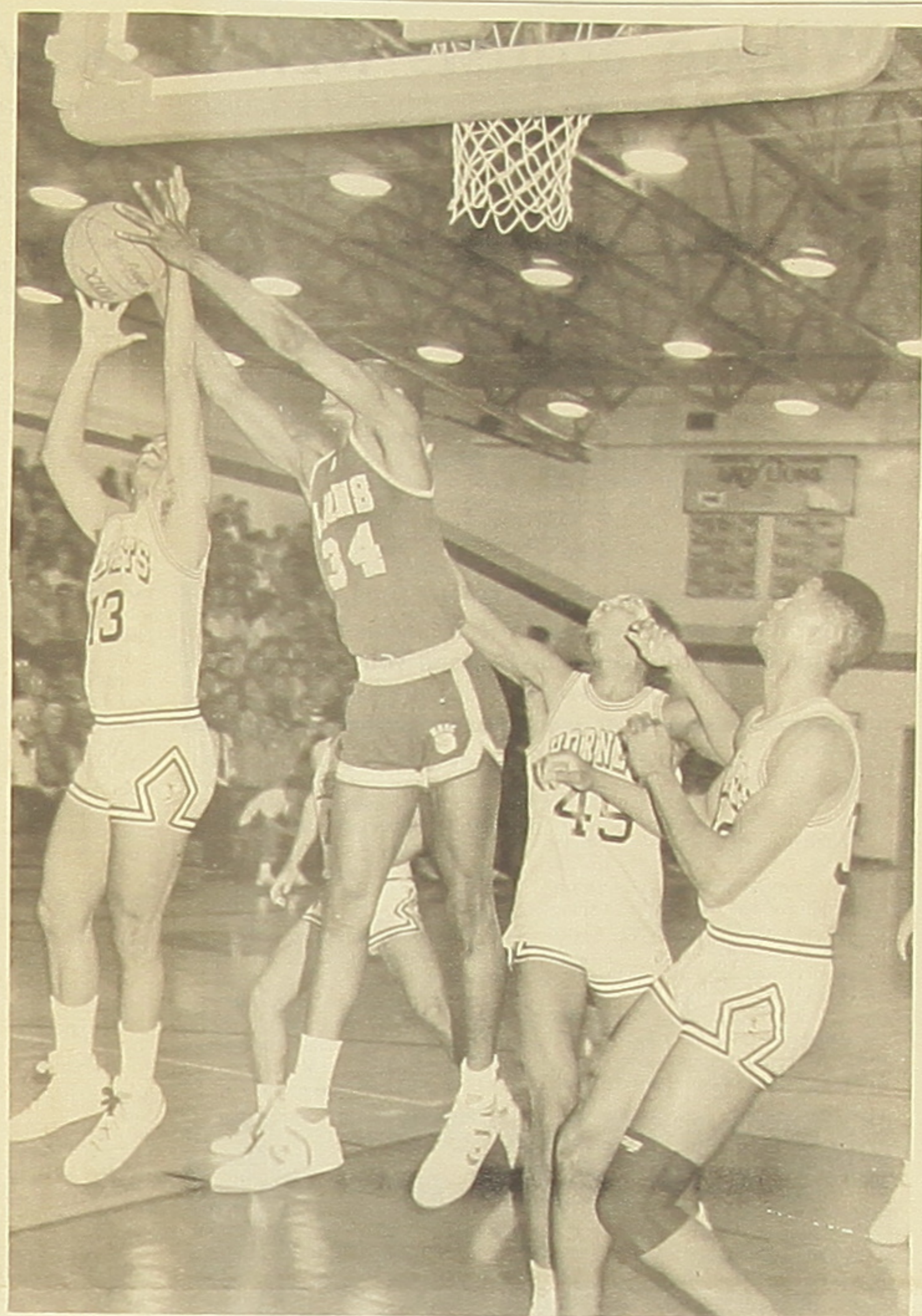
Chuck Williams, men's head basketball coach, agreed with Frazier.

"It has gone a little overboard," said Williams. "The other coaches did not like it, and it resulted in technical fouls."

"Let's replace it with something new, and keep the students involved."

While Frazier and Williams want to keep the student population involved and in attendance, one of the main reasons for increased fan interest in Lions basketball was the toilet paper. The throw was the most popular thing to hit Southern athletics since Carl Tyler. And now both are gone.

Other schools allow fans to take an active part in their athletic events. They may not throw toilet paper, but any school with at least some basketball tradition (such as



Lions hold edge in district race

With only seven games remaining on its schedule, Missouri Southern holds a slight edge over Drury College in the NAIA District 16 Dunkel Ratings.

The Lions had a rating of 50.1 this week, compared to Drury's rating of 49.2. The two teams are battling for the homecourt advantage in the district playoffs.

Drury has the easier remaining schedule, however. The Panthers play only two more road games, while Southern has five.

Junior forward Dwight McGlothlin (No. 34) reaches for a rebound in Missouri Southern's 85-76 victory over Emporia State. McGlothlin scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds for the Lions as they improved their record to 13-9. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

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Wilson adjusts well to new roles

Coach Phillips says her personality and leadership abilities have improved

By Kevin Keller
Staff Writer

Picking up all the "garbage" as a non-stop hustler is the game plan for 5-foot-9 senior LaDonna Wilson. "I'm the type of player who never stops," said Wilson. "I go around picking up all the garbage or broken plays and balls batted away. I take pride in that because I'm not a major scorer with my height."

Wilson has scored 864 points during her four-year career at Southern.

"I'd rather be the one making the good pass than making a shot," she said. "I like to make things happen on the court."

"LaDonna's personality has blossomed 100 per cent and her leadership ability," said Phillips. "Her game has been pretty consistent, and she's adjusted extremely well to new roles."

Winning is a good feeling for Wilson along with working with people in a team sport.

"It's nice to know you can go out on a court and do things with four other people and not feel selfish," Wilson said. "The most important thing a team can have is they have to be close. You need a tie to bond you together, win or lose."

"You learn a lot from losing and how to take defeat," she added. "It feels good to come out on top."

finish during Wilson's four-year career.

"I'm really happy," Wilson said, referring to her former accomplishments. "I take them in stride and don't think a lot about them."

"It is sad and hard to think about this being my last year playing until it's actually my last game. I've played ball for 12 years, and I'm ready to get on with my life."

Selection to conference, district, and state teams along with championships will never be replaced with what Wilson has learned along the way. Valuable knowledge and experience will help her when she becomes a coach.

"With Coach Davis, the respect he showed and we knew he cared about us made me learn a lot since I was going to be a coach," said Wilson. "I've a lot of admiration for my coaches. If I can do to some kid what they did to me, I can't be losing."

If a coach's opinion of a player is any indication of the type of coach she will become, Wilson should have no trouble finding a job.

"When she's finished playing a game, she's worked hard. You can count on that from LaDonna Wilson," said Phillips. "She's going to give everything she's got from the time she's on the floor until she walks off."

She would like to coach in a place similar to McDonald County.

"I loved growing up in McDonald County and had no trouble," said Wilson. "It's not as backward as people think. Everybody knows everybody, and there's a closeness. It's normal rural country people that are super nice."

"It's nice to know you can go out on a court and do things with four other people and not feel selfish. The most important thing a team can have is they have to be close. You need a tie to bond you together."

—LaDonna Wilson, Southern basketball player

Extra hustle played a major part in Wilson attending Missouri Southern. When Lady Lions coach Jim Phillips went out recruiting, he saw abilities in Wilson that would be a great asset to the team.

"She always hustled and never gave up," said Phillips. "She just did extra things coaches look for. Mainly, she had a heart that always kept going."

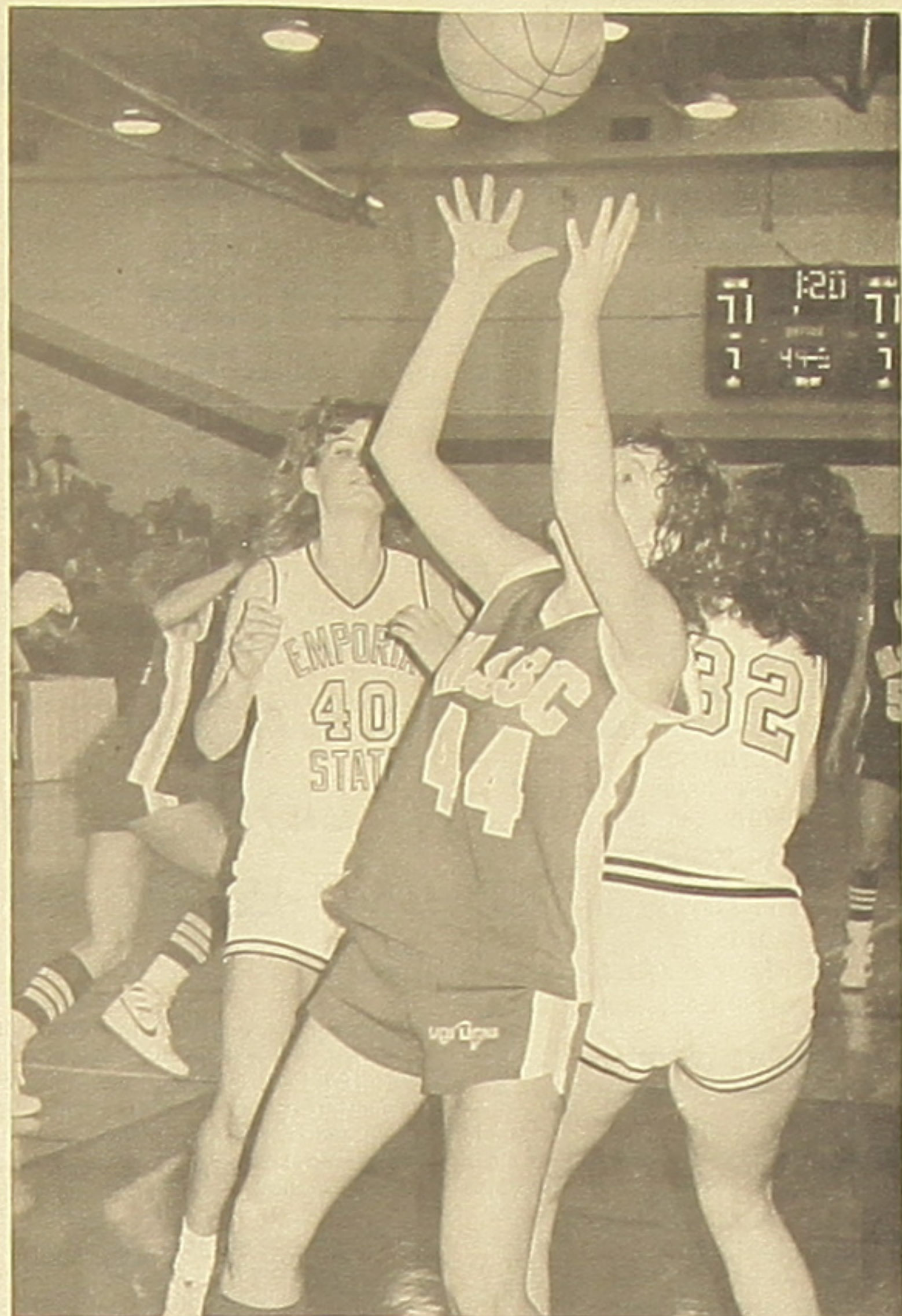
Wilson viewed her transition to college basketball as a faster paced, more physical, and more involved game. It was also a chance to travel more and meet new people. However, Phillips was not sure she would make it in college as shy as she was.

The top has been something Wilson was not handed, but worked for to overcome shyness, being awkward, and learning to discipline and take pride in self.

Starting out on the grade school playground, she began to develop skills with the help of elementary coach Ron Copher.

"I was backward early on," said Wilson, "but he always told me to keep trying, keep going."

Copher's grade school players became the McDonald County High School dynasty of girls' basketball. High school coach Jerry Davis led the Mustangs to two state championships and a second-place



LaDonna Wilson (No. 44) prepares to grab a rebound. (Photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Laster has success with three-point goal

By Stacey Sanders
Staff Writer

While the three-point goal has only been a part of small-college basketball for one season, Willie Laster has adjusted his game to the new line on the court.

"Willie has been very valuable with his three-point shot," said Chuck Williams, men's head basketball coach. "He has made many clutch baskets from the three-point line."

Laster, a 6-foot-1 senior guard, has connected on 21 of 56 three-point attempts to lead the Lions in that category. He has scored 208 points overall for a 9.9 average.

A 1983 graduate of Chidester (Ark.) High School, Laster received a basketball scholarship to Southern Arkansas Tech. He attended the junior college for two years before transferring to Missouri Southern in 1985. The Lions won a recruiting battle over Southern Arkansas University, Southeast Missouri State University, and Harding University for Laster's services.

"I felt I would have more opportunity at Southern, but mainly because it is farther away from home," Laster said.

Chris Tuggle, a senior forward for the Lions, also transferred from Southern

Arkansas Tech.

"We decided to come together," said Laster. "We're also roommates."

Laster is majoring in physical education and has a minor in psychology.

"I hope to coach basketball and teach P.E. with my degree," said Laster. "I would like to teach back home in Arkansas if possible."

An injury he received on his 22nd birthday (Jan. 24) has affected his playing ability.

"I was walking to Pronto with a friend when I slipped on the ice and fell on my shoulder," Laster said.

He received a deep bruise from the fall. "The injury has affected my shooting ability, but mostly my dribbling," he said.

leadership."

While not one of the team's leading scorers, Laster believes he has contributed to the Lions' 13-9 record.

"My contribution to the team is to run the show, set the offense, try to take leadership, and see things on the floor that others don't see," he said.

Williams has enjoyed having Laster play for him the last two years.

"He is highly coachable and will do anything that is asked of him to help the team," Williams said. "He is an unselfish player, and that is something I really respect. I wish him well for the future."

Laster's goal for Southern is for the team to win the NAIA District 16 championship and advance to the national

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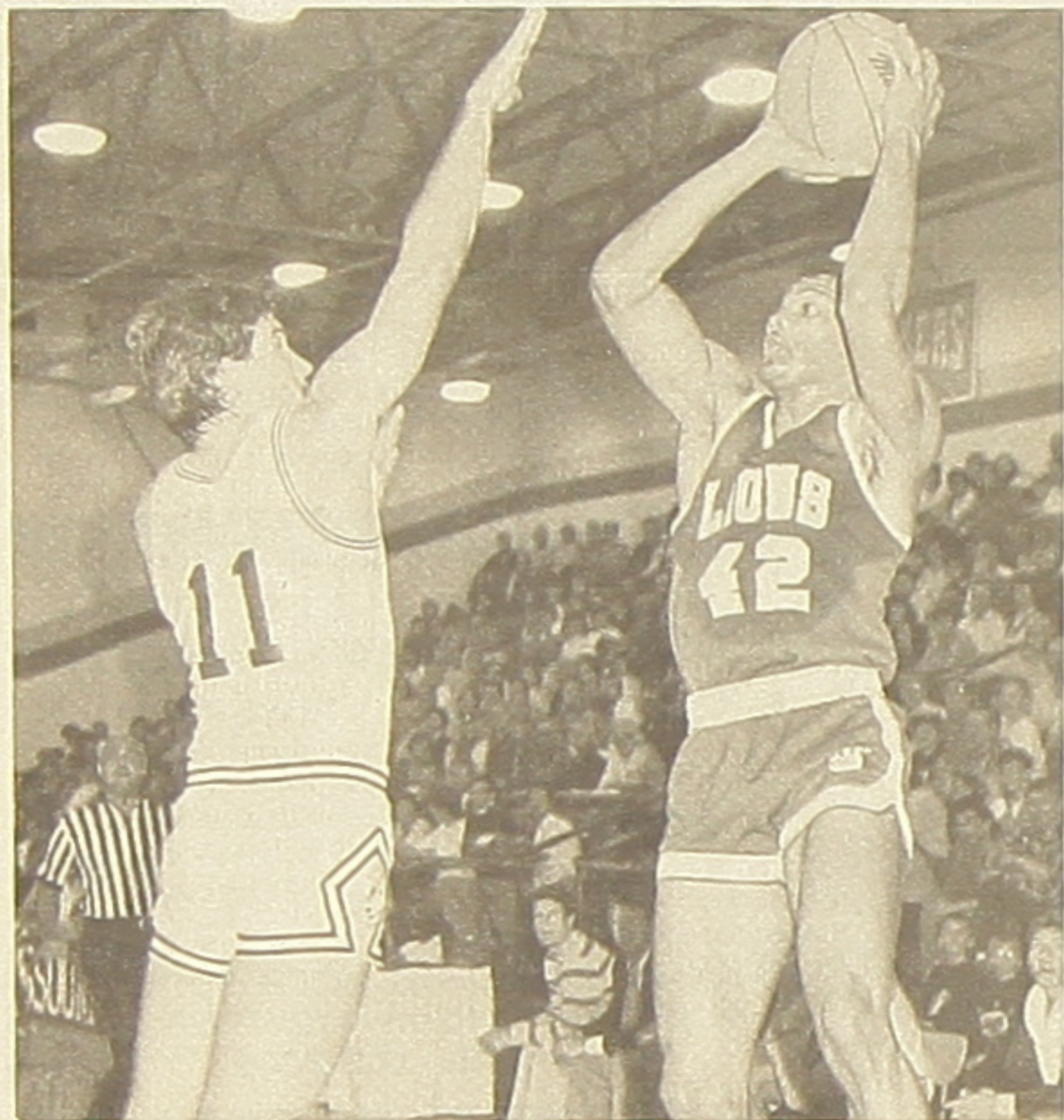
—Willie Laster, Southern basketball player

Laster has had a successful career at Southern, according to Williams.

"Willie is doing a good job on defense and running the offense," said Williams. "I am very proud of his performance and

tournament.

"My personal goal is to grow wiser and be more mature as time goes on," he said.



Willie Laster (No. 42) fires a three-point attempt. (Photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Klenke gives credit to her older siblings

By Tony Wilson
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From a junior high student who knew nothing about basketball to a starting position for the Lady Lions, Gayle Klenke has come a long way. "I went to watch my sister play when I was in the eighth grade," said Klenke. "The ref called traveling on her, and I had to ask my brother what that was."

Now a key player for Missouri Southern, Klenke attributes her development in the sport to her brother and sister.

Klenke, a 5-foot-10 senior guard, said she did not even understand basketball until the summer of her freshman year in high school. It was then that she began practicing with her older brother, Hank, and sister, Vicki.

"My sister wanted my brother to help her with basketball," related Klenke. "The only time he could was in the morning. So we were up at 5 a.m. practicing most every day."

The early morning workouts paid off for Klenke as she twice earned all-state honors at Union (Mo.) High School. Her high school success brought with it a large number of college recruiters.

Klenke's high school head coach, Dan Rogers, aided her in choosing the Lady Lions. He then followed her to Southern, becoming the women's assistant coach in 1984.

"Coach Rogers helped me to get here," said Klenke. "I was glad to see him come

my sophomore year. We have been together so long that he is not only a coach, but a friend."

The greatest transition between high school and college for Klenke was the move from the forward to the guard position.

"I never played guard in high school," she said. "It was really hard to make the switch because I liked to play forward."

Though she does see time in the low-post forward spot, Klenke has primarily been in the second guard position the past two seasons. Jim Phillips, head coach, has been pleased with the four years of hard work Klenke has put into adapting to her new position.

"I am proud of the way Gayle works and her great attitude," said Phillips. "She has become an excellent passer, particularly to the inside. That is when she is at her best—most of the time it leads to a score."

Klenke's passing ability is evident in her statistics. She is among the conference leaders in assists and last week tied the school record for assists in a single game when she handed out 11 against Emporia State.

"The assist are coming from knowing the offense," explained Klenke. "Since I have been here four years I have our system down pretty well. I know where the people are going to be. Especially Anita (Rank) and Amy (Oberdieck)—they are the ones who put the ball in."

Basketball is a two-part game for

Klenke. Her efforts on defense have been as valuable to the Lady Lions as her contribution in the scorebook.

"Sometimes I don't think my offense is sound. If I miss a shot or make a bad pass I try to make up for it on defense," she said.

Klenke says a bright spot in the long seasons has been her "foster" parents, Glen and Sue Barnett and their children, Wendy and Jason, became Klenke's "family away from home" during her freshman year. Glen Barnett has provided Klenke with valuable experience in her major field of general business and accounting.

"I have worked for his business keeping books," said Klenke. "He has helped me a lot."

Klenke said she hopes to pursue her career in the St. Louis area, but will probably stay around Joplin to gain experience after she graduates.

Along with Rogers, Klenke says she most admires three-year teammate Suzanne Sutton.

"I admired Suzanne from the time I got here," she said. "Her ability was so great in everything she did, but her attitude was even better."

With her family living five hours away, Klenke says she misses having her parents at the games.

"They never missed a game in high school," she said. "I have missed playing for them."



Gayle Klenke (No. 31) is closely guarded, but attempts a jump shot.